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**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please withdraw claims 47, 48, and 54-131 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

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141. (New) A method of assembling an ultrastiff precision sonic bearing, comprising:
- a. providing a load member having a load accepting surface and a load sliding surface;
  - b. providing a bearing element having a bearing support region and a bearing sliding surface;
  - c. coupling the bearing element with the load member, wherein the load sliding surface is in slidable contact along a slidable path with the bearing sliding surface, the load sliding surface and the bearing sliding surface having a coefficient of